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## LONELY MAJORITY.

### REPORT HANDED IN ON TRADING-STAMP BILL.

The Alleged Minority Report for the Bill Adopted by the Senate—Passage of the Bill Now Practically Assured.

The Indianapolis News of Tuesday says:

"The senate, a short time before the noon adjournment, today, voted to accept a so-called 'minority' report favoring the passage of Representative Metesker's anti-trading-stamp bill, which has caused much discussion among members of the legislature. Two reports were handed in from the committee on judiciary by Senator Joss, chairman of the committee. When the reports were read it was announced that the majority favored the indefinite postponement of the bill and the minority report favored its passage. Senator Lambert, a member of the committee, asked that the names signed to the two reports be read, and it was found that the 'minority' report was signed by Senators Lambert, Inman, Parks and Agnew, while the 'majority' report was simply signed by 'Brooks'."

"That's a queer kind of majority," said Senator Inman.

"Senator Joss rose to explain, saying that at the meeting of the committee it had been decided that the bill was unconstitutional and ought not to be reported favorably."

"Senator Lambert rose to a point of order."

"The point is this," he said, "I think the senator from Marion (Joss) is out of order in relating things that occurred in committee."

"Senator Ball, who occupied the chair temporarily, refused to sustain the point and Senator Joss proceeded."

"He said the bill sought to interfere with private contracts, and with the right of American citizens to conduct the kind of business they saw fit to conduct. The bill had been declared unconstitutional by the courts of other states. He said Representative Metesker was led to introduce the bill simply because the trading-stamp business had interfered with his business. It had taken \$500 worth of advertising away from Representative Metesker."

"Senator Inman then took the floor."

"The reading of the two reports," said he, sarcastically, "discloses the fact that one man signed the majority report, and that several men signed the minority report. I think the bill is of sufficient importance to be printed and laid on the desks of the senators for their consideration."

"Senators Purcell, Parks and Gochenour spoke favoring the printing of the bill. Senator Gochenour said the trading-stamp business was a fraud."

"The vote was then taken on the minority report favoring the bill, and was concurred in."

#### Legislative Notes.

Indianapolis, Feb. 18.—A bill providing a life term for kidnappers was passed by engrossment.

The house killed the bill to appropriate \$160,000 for an epileptic asylum today.

The house today passed the bill fixing the minimum wages for county teachers at a price equivalent to two and one-half times the general average per cent. obtained by examination.

Mrs. Parks is visiting the senator at the Denison hotel.

Four senators signed the minority report on the trading-stamp bill today. Senator Joss has indirectly notified the author that he purposes to prevent the committee from making its report. He is not likely to succeed, as Senator Brooks, the chairman, will not likely tolerate any such work. Arrangements have been made to call it up in case efforts are put forth to smother the bill.

The house ways and means committee has reported favorably the bill appropriating \$40,000 for the purchase of 134 acres which are a part of the present state fair grounds.

The senate judiciary committee had prepared a report to indefinitely postpone Representative Metesker's anti-trading-stamp bill. Mr. Metesker this morning induced Senators Agnew, Inman, Parks and Lambert to sign a minority report.—Indianapolis Press.

Senator Gard, chairman of the committee on building and loan associations, all over the state are writing to him that they could not live under the bill that has passed the house, which limits their profits to 2 per cent. A strong lobby probably will be on hand when the bill comes up in the senate.

The house of representatives this afternoon, by a vote of 35 to 24, amended the electrocution bill by providing that morphine should be used as a means for taking the life of a pris-

oner condemned to death. Dr. Passage offered the amendment and made a long speech in favor of it. After the amendment was adopted, Mr. Stookey moved that the enacting clause of the entire bill be stricken out and this motion was carried.

It is claimed that the democratic members of the legislature have agreed on a plan of defeating the Ft. Wayne charter bill by throwing every obstacle in its way in order that it may be lost in the final rush of business. Although the bill passed the senate last Wednesday afternoon, it has not yet appeared in the house. It is said several republican representatives have been interviewed and are willing to assist the democrats in killing the bill in this way.

A substitute for the South Bend charter bill that was introduced in the senate by Senator Burns. It will provide that the tax-levy limit shall be \$1.25, and that the mayor's salary shall be \$1,800 instead of \$2,500. The mayor is not to have power to remove any official without the city council having a chance to act. The mayor is to be police judge until 1902. The substitute bill was prepared by Senator Burns, Elmer Crockett, Representative Harris and other South Bend republicans.

#### DISEASE RESEMBLING SMALLPOX.

Breaks Out Among the Cattle in Starke County.

The Knox Crescent says that a peculiar disease has broken out among the cattle of Oregon township and quite a number are dying from it. The first cases occurred last winter when a farmer living near the St. Joseph county line, lost 11 head. As there were no other cattle attacked it was supposed to be local and caused by either the feed or the water. The present winter, however, it has appeared on several farms and it is now feared it may become epidemic. The general appearance and symptoms of the disease resemble smallpox. The cattle are first attacked by a fever and in a short time pustules make their appearance all over the body. These pustules gather pus and break, forming large scabs. If the animal has not become too much debilitated it now stands a good chance of recovery. The disease saps all the vitality of the cattle and they lose flesh rapidly. No one seems to know what the disease is or how it came to be contracted in the country.

#### The Trading-Stamp Bill.

The Indianapolis News contains the following in its issue of Monday: "Representative Metesker is making an effort to save his trading-stamp bill, which was referred to the senate committee on judiciary several days ago, having been passed in the house. Mr. Metesker learned today that the committee intended to report unfavorably on the bill, and he at once set to work to obtain a minority report, so that he could bring it before the senate, where he is willing that it take its chances. "He says that Senator Joss, who is a member of the senate committee on judiciary, is in the employ of the trading-stamp companies, and is personally requesting the members of the committee and others in the senate to help kill the bill."

"Mr. Metesker declares that the trading-stamp companies represent over a million dollars, and that they can easily afford to have a lobby here. Senators Agnew, Inman, Lambert and Parks, he says, have agreed to sign a report in favor of the bill."

#### Death of Mrs. Emeline Haenes.

Mrs. Emeline Haenes died at her home in Bremen Sunday evening, Feb. 17, aged 73 years. For the past 14 years she had been afflicted with rheumatism and was given the greatest of care and attention by her children. She had lived in Bremen many years and was quite well known. She was the mother of nine children, six of whom are left to mourn her death—Samuel Fryman, Mrs. Mary Barton, of Huntington; Frances, Charles and Samuel Haenes, of Bremen; and John Haenes, of Plymouth, a blacksmith at the Ringgenberg & Cullison wagon works.

The funeral was held Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock at Bremen with interment at North Union cemetery, southeast of that place.

#### Lapaz Items.

A quiet wedding was solemnized at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Burger, of Lapaz, Sunday evening, Feb. 17, when their eldest daughter, Carrie, was united in marriage to William Arthur Baisley, of Teegarden. The impressive marriage service was read by Rev. Peter, after which the congratulations from those present followed. Besides the members of the family Ed. Fulkerson and Miss Bertha Zentz were present. The young couple will begin housekeeping three miles southeast of Teegarden.

An only child of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Thomas, of Lapaz, died after a sickness of five days, aged 1 month and 7 days. Funeral services were held in the Wesleyan church on Tuesday. Burial took place in the Fairmont cemetery, Rev. Peter conducting the services.

#### DEATH OF ALFRED MORRISON.

Former Resident of Plymouth Passes Away at Hobart, Ind.

Alfred Morrison died at his home in Hobart Tuesday morning after only a short illness of heart failure.

Mr. Morrison was for many years a resident of this city and has a host of friends here who were shocked last evening by the news of his death.

Deceased came to this city from Illinois in 1855 with a gang of workmen who were laying the tracks of the Pennsylvania railway between Chicago and Ft. Wayne. He was afterward made road master between Hanna and Ft. Wayne, which position he resigned to join the army. He joined Simonson's battery and was made captain of the Fifth Indiana battery. When Capt. Simonson was killed in 1862, he was appointed captain of the battery, which position he held until the close of the war, when he returned to this city and resumed his work on the railroad.

In 1866 he was united in marriage to Savannah Lopp, to which union one child—Thomas Morrison—was born, who still survives his parents, his mother having died when he was only a few years old.

In 1874 he was married to Mary W. McDonald, widow of John McDonald, to which union two children were born, one of whom—Lewis Morrison—survives him and now resides in Chicago.

In 1886 he resigned his position with the Pennsylvania company and entered into the milk business in Chicago, which he conducted until about five years ago when he retired from business and moved to his farm near Hobart, where he died.

The remains will be brought to this city today at 10:37 a. m. and taken to Oak Hill cemetery, where they will be laid to rest.

#### Legislative Notes.

Indianapolis, Feb. 19.—The trading-stamp bill which was supposed to have been killed by the senate committee last Friday, was gotten before the senate through the efforts of Representative Metesker, who secured four senators to sign a minority report. The passage of the bill is now practically assured.

In the house this afternoon, Mr. Adamson, of the committee on temperance, submitted a minority report on the saloon remonstrance bill, providing that a remonstrance shall stand for six months. The bill, as reported by the majority, provided that a remonstrance shall be good for two years. The house voted down a motion to table the Adamson amendment.

Mr. Louttit's bill, providing for the receiving of feeble-minded women up to the age of 45 at the Ft. Wayne school for feeble-minded youth, was advanced to engrossment, after a heated discussion, with an amendment appropriating \$40,000 for the carrying out of the provisions of the bill. Several bills were passed, as shown in the legislative record.

The finance committee of the senate made two reports on the Goodwine bill today for the sale of state lands in Indianapolis, including the blind institute grounds. The majority was for the sale. Senators Layman and Miller signed the minority report against it.

The bill allowing the city of Indianapolis to levy a tax of 1 cent on the \$100 to support free kindergarten was handed down from third reading in the house this morning. Mr. Stuteaman asked unanimous consent to introduce an amendment. The bill was withdrawn until he could prepare the amendment, which will provide that the bill shall apply to all cities of 8,000 and over.

The committee on agriculture reported favorably on house bill No. 335 (Bonham) appropriating \$40,000 to purchase 134½ acres of land for the state board of agriculture. Mr. King objected to concurring in the report and the house sustained him in the objection. The bill was then indefinitely postponed on the motion of Mr. Roberts, of Jefferson.

Republican leaders in the house say their expectation is that the Cooper anti-trust bill which was passed by the house this morning, will go through the senate and become a law. They say there is no reason why it should not, since it is not regarded as a stringent measure and there has been no opposition to it, except from those who have thought it too weak.

Senator Goodwine introduced by request a bill that provides that there shall be one justice of the peace in each township where there is a population of not over 15,000. When there is over 15,000 there may be two. The salaries are based on population: First 1,000, \$200; for each additional thousand to 10,000, \$50; for each thousand thereafter, \$25.

The dictum of the republican managers was obeyed by the house of representatives this morning and the bill appropriating \$120,000 to pay the claim of Vincennes university was killed beyond recall. The bill had been introduced by Sen-

ator Purcell. The house has also killed the epileptic village bill and now is expected to go after the Muncie normal school bill, the third of those condemned by the party rulers.

#### LONG SPEECH FOR NAUGHT.

Joss Fails to Have Senate Kill Trading-Stamp Bill.

A divided report was made by the judiciary committee on Representative Metesker's bill, which prohibits the use of trading stamps. Senator Joss made his longest speech of the session in favor of the majority report for postponement. He said that Rhode Island passed a law similar to the one proposed in the Metesker bill, and that it had been declared unconstitutional. He said that the author, a newspaper man, admitted in committee that he was losing \$500 a year by the operation of the trading-stamp system. Joss was alone in his attack on the bill.

Senator Purcell defended the bill. He said merchants of his city want the bill passed, and he charged that trading-stamp agents go to a town and by a species of blackmail force merchants into their schemes. The minority report for the bill was adopted by a large vote. Senator Joss' voice was the only one heard to say "No."—Indianapolis Press.

#### Insurance Companies Complain.

The life insurance companies of the state have prepared a circular, which they are sending out to citizens all over the state, calling attention to senate bill No. 210, which is to change the amount companies are required to deposit with the auditor of state from \$200,000 to \$100,000. The auditor of state is said to be against the bill, but the argument is advanced by the life insurance companies organized under the laws of this state, that the reduction of the deposit will give the smaller companies a chance to expand and go into other states, which are now retarding by requiring them to deposit the same amount that is demanded in this state.

#### Should Serve as a Warning.

The conviction of George M. Ray for defrauding Shelby county will excite no surprise among people who have watched the career of this man. He has been in trouble before. His conviction is a good lesson for bootleggers. A newspaper publisher should be the last man to engage in bootlegging. A newspaper publisher should be ever ready to expose the schemes of bootleggers. The public expects this of an honest, fearless publisher. George M. Ray has lost his standing among his fellow men in an attempt to get rich by dishonest methods. Society would be better off if every bootlegger should share his fate.—Logansport Pharos.

#### Married.

Ira E. Haag and Nellie A. Burch were married Tuesday at 1 o'clock at the home of the bride's parents, near Tyner, in the presence of about forty guests, Rev. J. B. Allen, of Walkerton, officiating. Immediately after the ceremony a bounteous repast was served and many beautiful presents presented to both contracting parties. The groom is the only son of Mr. and Mrs. Jonas Haag and is an industrious young farmer, while the bride is one of Marshall county's accomplished young ladies and a daughter of Eber Burch, of Polk township.

#### An Editor's Hard Luck.

If some guest at the Sentinel editor's home last Friday evening, will bring the old hat back which he wore away he can have the nice new one he left in its place. It may seem strange that the present custodian of the new hat should request such an exchange, but the new hat is a size too small for him.—Rocheater Sentinel.

Although the editor claims it is too small for him, there must be "something in it."

#### Twin Lake Items.

Mrs. Henry Glass spent a few days with her mother, Mrs. Pero, in Burr Oak, last week.

Miss Emma Kriehbaum is home from Elkhardt for a few weeks' visit with her parents.

Milton Strohecker returned from a visit from Grand Rapids, Mich.

Wm. Warner and wife and J. W. Nichols and wife spent last Sunday in Burr Oak, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus Warner.

Henry Warner and Chas. Shearer passed through here last Friday night on their way to Bourbon in search of employment.

Chas. Keyser departed from here last Tuesday, Feb. 19, for his new home in Western Illinois. The neighbors are all sorry to see him leave, for they are losing a good honest neighbor.

Amos York has moved to the Mattingly farm south of Plymouth.

Mrs. Ben Hollem was called to Summit county, Ohio, owing to the severe illness of her mother. She arrived there on Friday and on Sunday her mother died. She will stay a few weeks and visit before she returns.

Caroline Matilda Bunch, one of the oldest settlers of this county, died at her home near Argos Monday, Feb. 18, aged 80 years. She had resided in this county since 1845 and was the widow of John Clary Bunch.

#### THAT TRADING-STAMP REPORT.

Senator Brooks Explains Why Names Were Not Signed to It.

Senator Brooks, chairman of the senate judiciary committee, who returned Wednesday afternoon from an enforced absence from his seat in the legislature, explained why the majority report of the judiciary committee on the trading-stamp bill in the senate Wednesday did not bear all the names of the committeemen who were supposed to be against the bill.

He says it is the custom of the committee to have majority reports signed only by the chairman of the committee. The method, he says, saves much time that otherwise would be lost in hunting up the members and having them individually sign the report. A minority report, however, he says, is generally signed by all the members of the committee that dissent from the majority report.

The majority report on the trading-stamp bill, that came from the house, which bore the name of Senator Brooks as chairman, actually represented, he said, six of the members of the committee—an actual majority.—Indianapolis News.

#### Legislative Notes.

Indianapolis, Feb. 20.—Jacob Carbiener, of Bremen, and Auditor Henry Miller are visiting the assembly.

Hon. Samuel Parker attended to legal business here yesterday and visited the senate today.

Ex-Trustee John Jones, of Green township, Marshall county, is here mingling with the politicians.

Mr. Cory, of the firm of Cory & Stevens, attended the hardware men's association here yesterday and today.

The bond and surety lobbyists won out in the house this afternoon. Representatives spoke against the passage of the bill, but efforts were useless. With the hardest efforts only eighteen votes could be secured against the measure.

The surveyor's bill has been very much amended by the committee on drains and dykes and with the amendments, it is doubtful if the bill will pass. The present law on cleaning ditches is regarded as satisfactory by the farmers generally.

By a report of the senate committee on education yesterday afternoon Senator Lambert's free text-book bill—bill No. 350—was killed. The committee was unanimous in its decision.

Mr. Neal will receive a hearing before the senate committee on railroads this evening on his bill requiring railroads to sell 500-mile mileage books for \$10. He says that he believes he will obtain a favorable report on the bill and in that event he is hopeful of the passage of the bill by the senate.

It was announced today by Mr. Reeser, chairman of the house committee on education, that the Muncie normal school bill, introduced in the house by Mr. Carmichael, will be taken up Friday afternoon. "I think," said Mr. Reeser, "that will be giving the friends of the bill enough time. The meeting will be open to every one who desires to talk on the matter."

The board of managers of the Indiana industrial school for girls and the woman's prison has decided to ask the legislature for \$10,000 to be used for building a cottage at the institution in which is to be housed the girls who are sent to the institution without criminal charges being made against them. The purpose is to separate the wards of the state from the criminal classes.

The house committee on the affairs of the Indiana state prison will Friday make a trip to Michigan City to look into the affairs of the institution. The members of the committee will pay their own expenses. The members of the committee feel that, as members of the prison committee, they ought to know something about the prison and its needs, and they are willing to go down into their own pockets to pay for the information.

#### Walkerton Store Robbed.

The clothing store of Koonitz & Fair, of Walkerton, was robbed Monday night at about 11 o'clock by thieves who gained entrance through a shed at the rear of the building. They had stolen tools from John Schwartz at the B. & O. target house, with which they forced their way in. They took \$400 or \$500 worth of goods, consisting of overcoats, suits, neckties, handkerchiefs, kid gloves and various other articles. This is one of several burglaries which have been committed recently, all of which are supposed to be the work of individuals familiar with the premises. The burglary was discovered by the night watchman soon after it took place, but the thieves had made their escape.

#### Burr Oak.

James McGovern and Miss Lizzie McDonald were united in marriage at the residence of the bride's parents, four miles west of Burr Oak, by Justice E. A. Thornberg, of Ober, last Sunday. Mr. McGovern is one of the Nickel Plate's best section foremen, and will occupy his own property in Burr Oak. We wish them a long and happy life. D. E. Vanvactor will preach at the U. B. church at 2:30 p. m. Rev. Pressnell and his brother are holding meetings in the W. M. church at Burr Oak, to well filled houses. No additions thus far. C. C. Monroe and wife, Oscar P. Maxey and Miss McKeser, of Tyner, visited with the family of G. A. Maxey last Sunday. They are going to move to Oklahoma in a few weeks. Leonard Osborn and wife, Mrs. Ida Osborn and Mrs. Allie Maxey and daughter Ruth spent Sunday in Argos. Mrs. John Aley is very sick with la-grippe. James Paddock, of Kansas, is visiting with the family of D. B. Paddock. Samuel H. Lockridge is moving from the farm of A. J. Kyser to the Samuel Strale property in Burr Oak. Rev. Mattox failed to reach Burr Oak to fill his appointment Sunday afternoon, and Rev. Pressnell, of the Wesleyan church, filled his appointment.

#### CAUCUS UNABLE TO AGREE

On Agnew Anti-Trust Bill and Primary Election Bills.

The republican senators agreed to disagree at their caucus. Two measures were before the meeting—the Agnew anti-trust bill and the primary election question. There was a difference of opinion on both questions, and in the end it was agreed that it was impossible to reach a decision on either one.

The disagreement on the Agnew bill is taken to mean the defeat, or badly crippling, of the Agnew anti-trust measure in the senate, on which there is wide difference of opinion. The bill is much more drastic than the Cooper anti-trust bill, which passed the house, and which will probably pass the senate. The Cooper measure received little attention from the senators of the majority yesterday.

Both the Joss and the McInturn primary election bills were considered at the caucus. Both bills had friends among the senators. It was found impossible to make either bill a caucus measure.

#### Tippecanoe Items.

Miss Gertrude Kelsey, who is attending school at Huntington, returned on Thursday to visit her parents and attend the students' association.

Miss Pearl Rockhill and Mrs. C. A. Fribble intend leaving in a short time for Elkhardt.

The members of Pocahontas lodge drove over to Bourbon Friday night to have a sleighride and help initiate some new applicants into the mysteries of the lodge.

Ellis Strosnider, an old gentleman west of town, was quite badly hurt by a fall Friday.

Supt. Marks, of Plymouth, was in town Saturday to attend the students' association.

The fifth annual session of the Tippecanoe township students' association was held at the M. P. church Saturday last. The schools were all well represented by pupils and teachers, and as all did their part so well, no one school took highest honors, all deserving an equal amount of praise. Parents and friends showed their interest and appreciation by attending in such large numbers that standing room was at a premium.

A few members of the D. of R. lodge attended lodge at Mentone Wednesday.

Mrs. Wash Hartman is seriously ill, the last reports giving but little hope of her recovery.

The evening session of the students' association was removed to Summit chapel, as the M. P. church is holding protracted meeting. Charles Drummond, of Plymouth gave the annual lecture.

The first examination for graduation will be held at Tippecanoe the third Saturday in March. All wishing to write should remember the date and be on time.

J. A. Hollett, of Huntington, general agent for the Laketon nursery, was in town from Tuesday until Friday, assisting one of their agents, E. E. Jeffries, with the company's business.

Wm. Jordan, of Valparaiso, arrived Friday to visit his mother and other relatives, returning Sunday.

Mrs. A. N. Hull received the sad news on Monday of the death of her grandmother, Mrs. Bunch. She was of eighty or more years, having come to Indiana and taking a claim among one of the first settlers in Marshall county. Her husband died thirty years ago, and she fought life's battles alone until the time of her death.

#### Linkville Notes.

Did you get a valentine?

D. Niswonger moved his family to Argos Tuesday from Mr. Scofield's farm.

Several persons are suffering from lagrippe.

Chas. Holland has been very sick with measles, but is better now.

Bertha Eckert and brother, of near Plymouth, visited relatives in this vicinity last week.

Several from this neighborhood attended the farmers' institute last week.

Ben Stuckey and wife are visiting relatives here and at Bremen for a few days before removing their goods to South Bend, where they intend to go to housekeeping.

There are more logs shipped from Harris Station to South Bend this winter than from any three places of its size around here.

What has become of our telephone line from here to Lapaz? Has it blown away?

The men hauling logs from near Tyner to Harris Station agreed to quit unless they were paid a higher price.

Several parties from here attended a masquerade ball at Lapaz Junction last Thursday night.

Floyd Scofield had an exciting runaway last week, but fortunately there was no serious damage done.

Milton Ewald and wife came from South Bend to visit with Milton's parents over Sunday. He returned to South Bend Monday, but his wife intends visiting relatives for a short time before returning.